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FOR FRANKLIN WILLIS, ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISOR, DOS

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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON AIR LAW

REFS: (A) OSLO 2689; (B) NAIROBI 5967; (C) OSLO 2873;  
(D) STATE 164229

1. THE TEXT OF A LETTER SENT BY STEIN ROGNLIEN, DIRECTOR  
GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATION OF THE NORWEGIAN  
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE TO ICAO SECRETARY GENERAL KOTAITE  
FOLLOWS: THE TEXT WAS FORWARDED TO THE EMBASSY BY KARIN  
BURZELIUS.

"AS STATED IN MY LETTER OF 9 JUNE 1975 (JNR. 1820/  
75 E) THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT FINDS IT MOST URGENT  
THAT ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS ARE MADE AT THE FORTH-  
COMING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIR LAW,  
MONTREAL 3 - 25 SEPTEMBER 1975, TO REMOVE THE

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UNCERTAINTIES AS TO THE CONVERSION OF THE

GOLD-FRANC USED IN THE AIR LAW INSTRUMENTS  
TO EXPRESS LIMITS OF LIABILITY INTO NATIONAL  
CURRENCIES. IN THE OPINION OF THE NORWEGIAN  
GOVERNMENT THIS QUESTION IS OF SUCH URGENCY  
THAT, UNLESS A SOLUTION IS FOUND AT THE FORTH-  
COMING CONFERENCE, THE ENTIRE SYSTEM OF UNIFORM  
INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THIS FIELD MAY BREAK DOWN.  
ON BEHALF OF THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT I THERE-  
FORE PROPOSE THAT THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE  
CONFERENCE, CONTAINED IN W/H - CM DOC NO 2, BE  
SUITABLY AMENDED IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE CONFERENCE  
TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE WARSAW  
CONVENTION, THE HAGUE PROTOCOL AND THE GUATEMALA  
CITY PROTOCOL WITH RESPECT TO THE EXPRESSION OF  
THE LIMITATION AMOUNTS IN THESE INSTRUMENTS.  
THE AMENDED PROVISIONAL AGENDA SHOULD AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE BE CIRCULATED TO ALL DELEGATIONS BEFORE  
THE CONFERENCE STARTS."

"THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT MAY LATER SUBMIT A PROPOSAL  
TO SUBSTITUTE THE GOLD-FRANC IN THE CONVENTIONS WITH  
ANOTHER UNIT OF ACCOUNT, E.G. SPECIAL DRAWING RIGHTS."

2. REFTEL B HAS BEEN RELAYED TO BRUZELIUS FOR COMMENTS.

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